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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 4220

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, CU, EC

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE TO RELAX SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA

REF: A) STATE 158486; B) LIMA 4400

1. THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR OF
REF. A WERE CARRIED OUT AUGUST 14 (FIRST POSSIBLE TIME).
2. THE FEELING IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS THAT THE
VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL WILL GET THE VOTES REQUIRED FOR
A MAJORITY ALTHOUGH NOT A TWO-THIRDS ONE.
3. THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO FIND A FORMULA WHICH
WOULD "OPEN THE DOORS OF THE OAS" TO CUBA WITHOUT
DAMAGING THE PRESTIGE AND UTILITY OF THAT ORGANIZATION.
IN THE VIEW OF A SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL, SUCH A
FORMULA EMERGED AT THE RECENT OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE
MEETING IN LIMA IN THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO REQUIRE THAT
A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE BE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE
SANCTIONS (REF B). THE OFFICIAL COMMENTED ON THIS
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FORMULA SAYING THAT IT HAD ATTRACTED WIDE ACCEPTANCE AT

THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. THUS IT APPEARS THAT THE GOE MAY HAVE FOUND A WAY, BASED ON ITS VIEW OF THE SENSE OF THE LIMA MEETING, TO JUSTIFY SUPPORTING THE VENEZUELAN POSITION. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE MAKING A FORMAL DECISION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL CONSULT THE PRESIDENT AND POSSIBLY THE CABINET BECAUSE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THIS MATTER IS AN IMPORTANT ONE.

5. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE EXPECT THAT THE GOE WILL INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL.

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